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There is my country."  
—Franklin.

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## Casting About

The next time you catch a cold blame it on a complex not on wet feet — that is the latest from a psychiatrist — in other words you should buy galoshes for your complex — not for your feet — the doctor said that excitement does it too — for example — if you see Charles Boyer leering at Ingrid Bergman — your heart pounds — your nose begins to run — blow your nose — for its only psychosomatic — not a cold — if you feel a cold coming on — don't reach for an aspirin — reach for a box of self-analysis — take one self-analysis before every meal — with a glass of water — if you feel a lump in your throat — it might be your Adams apple — or an apple core — to get rid of them — take a dose of self-analysis — sold under drug counters all over America — if your complex bothers you — if you find your complex is all wet — take two deep breaths — tie your shoelaces without bending your knees — then nibble on a self-analysis tablet — the cold is all gone — you are suffering from sniffling, swishing or wheezing — or sneezing — stop going to the movies — its only psychosomaticism — that's

all it is — if you meet a friend on the street — and he sneezes that means he is happy to see you not that he is without his galoshes — offer him your embroidered handkerchief — he is a victim of psychosomaticism — you should tell him to have his psychosomatic examined — or blow his nose — or tell his wife on him — he came out without his rubbers — his complex caught cold — if you get the hiccoughs — in a lecture hall — sink out of the hall — hold your nose — bite your thumb — take your toothbrush — run away from home — find a new job — get a new hobby — if that doesn't cure the hiccoughs — have a glass of water — and a dose of self-analysis — if you suffer from congestion of the complex — bathe three times a day with warm water — take a hot shower — lie still for two hours — nibble one self-analysis — or get another handkerchief — psychosomaticism means — the effect of an emotion in producing a physical response — so keep your complexes dry — your self-analysis handy — and hum softly to yourself — "So Red the Nose".

## Guild Holds Annual Meeting

The Women's Guild of the Congregational Church held their luncheon and annual meeting last week.

Those elected to office were: Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, president; Mrs. George Sheldon, first vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Reeves, second vice-president; Mrs. J. Lee Bolton, secretary; Mrs. Grove W. Deming, treasurer; Miss Emily Carson, auditor; Mrs. William Marshall, chairman of home service; Mrs. Wayne B. Wells, program chairman; Mrs. George McEwan, Mrs. Emory Rikert, and Mrs. Watson Black, housekeeping; Mrs. Bernard Whitney, chairman of ways and means.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21  
Community Club No. 4 Dance.  
May 22  
Rev. Daniel A. Poling speaks on U. M. T. in Brattleboro.  
May 23  
Ball Game. Northfield at Sacred Hearts.  
May 25  
The Grange will hold a memorial program for members.  
Legion meeting.  
Ball game. Northfield at Russells.  
May 26  
O. E. S. meeting at 8 p. m.  
DeMolay Boys of Greenfield will put on a Mother's Degree.  
Unitarian Church women's food sale. 8 p. m.  
May 27  
3 Act Comedy "Adams Evening" at Town Hall.  
May 30  
Legion Parade and services at 2 p. m.  
Grange "go to church Sunday".  
June 1  
Historical Society meeting at the museum.  
June 4  
Fortnightly food sale.

## Town Topics

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly meeting at Kenhome, at the invitation of Mrs. Hart. Members visited the patients, and gave each a bouquet. Plans were discussed for a traveling bouquet to help in financing the trip of a boy or girl to the State W. C. T. U. camp at Lincoln for an outing in June.

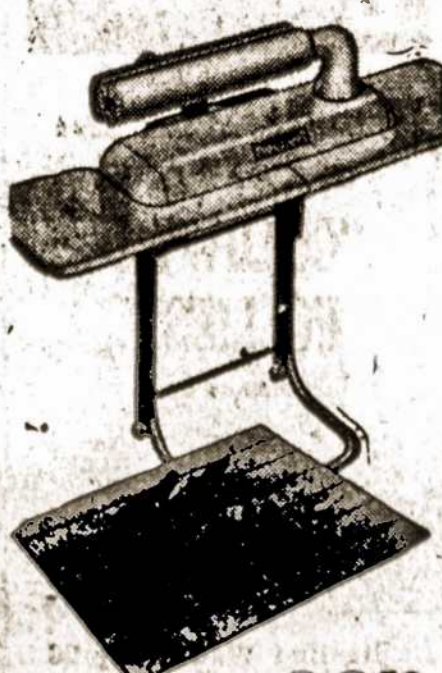
Ross L. Spencer, local Ford dealer recently returned from a Ford Motor Co. meeting in Philadelphia, at which top company officials were present.

Work has been started on additional facilities at the Spencer Bros. location.

Mrs. Charles White succeeds Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., as local news correspondent in the Greenfield Recorder-Gazette.

Rev. E. W. Blackstone, and Rev. Chester Parmley, attended the Connecticut Valley Bible Conference in Leverett Center last week.

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## Solandts Celebrate Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Solandt, Northfield, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on May 14, 1948, with friends and relatives present, in their old New England home on Ashuelot road.

Florence (Parker) Solandt was born in Morrisville, Vt., on April 11, 1875, and attended school at Lamont County Academy in Hyde Park, Vt. She also studied the piano and took vocal lessons, and has appeared in public as a soloist and was the organist of the church in her home town.

Her father's people came over the mountains from Bethel, Vt., by oxcart and conquered the wilderness to make their home in Morrisville, Vt.

Archibald McKillop Solandt, whose Scotch grandfather was one of the original settlers of Inverness, Quebec, and who on the maternal side is descended from Alsace-Lorraine stock, was born in Inverness, Quebec, Canada, on October 30, 1866. He attended school in Inverness, and traveled widely in the United States and Canada, following the trade as a craftsman in carpentry and cabinetmaking.

The Solandts were married in Sheldon, Vt., on May 14, 1898, by Rev. Mr. Watt and lived in Enosburg Falls, Vt., for the first two years of their married life. Then moving to the old Dr. Sherman place in Hinsdale, N. H., just over the line from Northfield, they lived here for ten years, prior to moving into a home, that Mr. Solandt built, on Warwick road. The call of the soil prompted the Solandts to leave for a farm in West Lebanon, N. H., for six years, following which they moved into their present home on Ashuelot road, where they have lived for 21 years.

A group of nearly 80 friends and neighbors came to their home on the evening of May 14, to present them with a purse and express heartfelt congratulations on their Golden Wedding Day. The home was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and the guests enjoyed log cream and delicious frosted cakes. Many letters, cards and telegrams were received from many of their friends.

Members of the immediate family present were: Mrs. Elizabeth D. Moffitt, and son Jeffrey, of Cambridge, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Everts, and daughters, Joan and Judith Ann, of Chittenden, N. Y.; James Everts was unable to be present; a brother Clarence E. Parker, of Schenectady, N. Y.; a nephew, a and his wife, Rev. A. W. Solandt, of Dorchester and a brother, H. M. Parker, of Schenectady, N. Y., were unable, to be present.

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## Holiday Magazine Lauds Pioneer Valley

Hilary Lyons book reviewer for the national magazine, Holiday, reports in May issue on a survey he has made on tourist promotion literature produced by states, regions, cities, hotels, railroads, steamship lines, and foreign countries.

The first piece of U. S. literature he describes is the Pioneer Valley Association's new booklet, "Vacations — 1870 & Nowadays." The article reproduces the cover of the booklet and the space used to describe it occupies a column in the magazine, which when purchased as advertising space, costs \$400. The Pioneer Valley Association has not advertised in Holiday this year.

Following are excerpts from Mr. Lyons' article: "This Pioneer Valley folder is a highly sophisticated production. Would it otherwise poke fun at the institution of 'travel literature' — an institution, whose commercial base is not subject to change? Obviously it would not. The Pioneer Valley people are self-confident indeed. Having finished his engaging little essay on 19th-century habits of travel, the brochure proceeds to say, with modesty and dignity, that Pioneer Valley is 'a year-round, 2500-mile vacation land, nice to visit in winter or summer, with pleasant places to stay in our cities, villages and hill towns.'"

"When it comes to elegance of production, the Pioneer Valley belongs well up at the head of the list."

The only other tourist advertisement complimented in the article, all with much larger budgets than Pioneer Valley, include the countries of Uruguay and Mexico, the Santa Fe Railroad, the State of New York, and the East Michigan Tourist Association.

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## Officers Selected At Brotherhood Meeting

The Northfield Brotherhood, in its closing meeting of the season, elected Edward M. Powell, president; Lester White, vice-president; Winthrop Sanderson, secretary; Stanley Smolen, treasurer.

The retiring officers, Harold Briesmaster, president; Edward M. Powell, vice-president; Harold McLean, secretary; Lewis Wood, treasurer, received a rising vote of thanks for their services.

Reports from the retiring officers were heard and business of the regular meeting was conducted.

Dr. E. W. Fairbank then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Walter F. Hume, medical missionary from Wal, India. Dr. Hume spoke with ingratiating and compassionate manner of the work being done at the medical mission in Wal, and left the men of the Brotherhood with the full realization of the great unsung work being done in out of the way regions.

Dr. Hume also showed some fine colored films of the mission, its work and personnel.

The supper committee was headed by Charles Olds, and included Norton Field, Stanley Smolen and Hubert Eastman.

## Full Military Honors For Pfc. Matosky

The body of PFC. Stanley Matosky, escorted by Sgt. Paul Trombley, U. S. A., arrived at the South Deerfield station. Representing the Haven H. Spencer Post, and acting as pall bearers, at the station were, Commander Richard Steenbruggen, William Urgielwicz, Ed Hurley, James Callahan, George McEwan and Rev. Lester White.

Services were held at the Thompson Funeral Parlor, Millers Falls, and at St. Johns Church, Millers Falls, and the body was buried with full military honors in the Polish Cemetery in Turners Falls.

Representing Haven H. Spencer Post at the funeral services were members of the World War II Burial Committee, Commander Richard Steenbruggen, Ed Hurley, George McEwan, Rev. Lester White, and Tom Hurley, James Callahan, William Urgielwicz, Robert G. Graw, Leon Mankowsky.

Special thanks were extended to Henry Walldich, Commander of the Millers Falls Post 276, American Legion, Millers Falls, and Albert Tobin, Commander of Post 2827, V. F. W. Millers Falls, for their participation in the services for PFC. Matosky.

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## To Direct Music At Los Angeles Church

Melvin L. Gallagher, who for eleven years was the director of choral music at the Northfield Schools and resigned to accept another position in the west, will become the new director of music at the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles, California, on August 1, 1948.

The church is the largest on the West coast and probably the largest Congregational Church in the world. It numbers over 4,500 members and its property is valued at \$1,500,000. It is fully departmentalized and conducts a School of Religion. Dr. James W. Fife, Jr., is the Minister of the church and made the announcement concerning Mr. Gallagher in the Los Angeles papers.

Mr. Gallagher, well known to many in Northfield, is 38 years old and was born in Wahpeton, North Dakota. He is a graduate of Carleton College and of the Union Theological School of Sacred Music. He is at present the choral director of the Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have purchased a new home in Los Angeles at 2055 Manning Avenue.

Mr. Gallagher further stated that both he and his wife listened to the "Sacred Concert" over the air and said, "The concert was beautifully done from beginning to end and we send congratulations to all who took part."

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A reader has suggested that Northfield furnish a few more strategically located benches and seats for the pedestrian out for a stroll. What better way would there be to pass a few moments of tranquility, than to sit under one of the towering elms and contemplate the coming of the verdant New England summer. Or perhaps a seat or bench in some secluded leafy bower, for pleasant conversation, or isolated day dreams.

Just think what a few planks, a little paint and a couple of nails can do for the pensive peregrinator, native or visiting.

It was suggested that individuals, or perhaps the Selectmen, look into this matter. That is echoed here, with the hope that the lot of the pedestrian, the hiker and the casual stroller will be a happier one in the very near future.

### Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin are now in San Francisco with their daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., attended the two day grand chapter meetings of the O. E. S. in Boston last week. They were on the reception committee at the grand banquet and ball sponsored by the "48's" held in the Copley Plaza Hotel.

A painting by Miss Bernice Webster of Northfield, and Croton Falls, N. Y., was selected for exhibition at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

Sgt. Herbert C. White, now temporarily assigned to Ft. Slocum, N. Y., was home for a brief visit over last week end. Upon returning to his station his wife and daughter returned with him. Sgt. White expects permanent assignment soon.

The Thursday Club met May 20, with Mrs. Edward Parmlinter of South Vernon. A rummage sale will be held for the benefit of the West Side Blue Jays Baseball Club.

Mrs. E. W. Blackstone has returned to her home from Quincy City Hospital where she received surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Phelps and family have moved from Greenfield to Gill, where Mr. Phelps is conducting a summer art class in landscape sketching.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hoehn drove to Kingston, N. Y., last week end for a three day visit with their niece, Mrs. John M. Spoor. Miss Ethel Lawrence returned with them to open her summer home.

Mrs. Fred S. Merrifield has expressed her appreciation to all those who remembered her during her illness.

Miss Minnie Erb has returned to her cottage on Rustic Ridge for the summer season.

According to the deed recently filed at the Registry, Mrs. Violet L. Snell of Greenfield, N. Y., has transferred the property owned by her on Winchester road to Roy J. Fish.

The Ministers' Association of Greenfield are to be guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Rood, at their summer cottage on Winchester road on Monday, June 24. Rev. Mr. Rood is pastor of the First Baptist church.

Miss Eleanor L. Davis of the faculty of the School for Girls was the **guest speaker** at the final dinner meeting of the County Business Women's Club held at the Northfield Hotel on Tuesday evening.

Rev. Hazel Rogers Gredler of Hiram road has been entertaining her uncle, Winfield Rogers of Worcester during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barlett are building an addition to their house on Myrtle street which will serve as a kitchen and a garage underneath.

Mrs. James Geddes of Melrose, a former summer resident, was a guest at the Northfield Hotel last week end and visited friends here.

Upon their return by plane from California last week, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Phalen brought the greetings of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Thompson, to their many friends here. The Thompsons are now located in their new home near Los Angeles and were formerly summer residents here.

Mr. C. H. Webster has returned

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

Hello Squeeze Box!

I have enjoyed some of your squeezees and now want you to hug this one tight only letting it escape you by degrees, so it may have time to filter into the minds of our worthy citizens of this lovely village.

Northfield for summer in all its attractions makes one think of Winter Park, Florida with all its winter attractions. (Incidentally I wonder if Winter Park could have revealed such beauty as Northfield displayed this past winter when one of its snow storms had hung loveliness from every evergreen? I doubt it.) But now for the Squeeze

— Winter Park does everything imaginable to make for the pleasure and comfort of its many visitors. Northfield might take a hint. One of the pleasures of visitors, who want to keep fit and at the same time see the beauties of Northfield, walk about this beautiful town. But some of them after walking from one end of Main street to the other, not to mention lovely Birnam road or Highland avenue, have a sense of weariness and look for a place to rest. But in vain. From one end of this town to the other, there is not a seat available; no inviting spot to rest weary feet or legs. Yes, there is one exception — a seat at the corner of Main and Moody which the thoughtfulness of Mr. and Mrs. Powell have placed there for all who wish to avail themselves of its comfort.

Why can not Northfield have some comfortable chairs, or just seats built around some of the lovely trees, on which our many summer visitors could rest a while and think what a beautiful place to live. If private citizens do not feel able to supply this need, why can not our Selectmen have a half dozen such places for rest placed about the town to impress the visitors that physical comfort is looked after as well as religious stimulation, given so bountifully? A Hiker

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Since the last week in May is National Poetry Week, we would like to mention a few of our outstanding volumes of verse. Once again we call your attention to the beautiful edition of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow with introduction by Henry Seidel Canby and illustrations by Edward A. Wilson. Other books of outstanding interest are the Complete Poems of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, "Tristram" and "Glory of the Nightingales" by Edward Arlington Robinson, "Come In and Other Poems" and "Steeple-Bush" by Robert Frost, "John Brown's Body" by Stephen Vincent Benet.

There is a lovely volume which goes little noticed on our shelves — indeed the sad fate of most poetry in these hurried times — "The Connecticut River and Other Poems" by Rabel Denney. This is one of the Yale Series of Younger Poets, and with its foreword by Stephen Vincent Benet, is well worth a few moments of anyone's time.

For a fine study of contemporary poetry we have "American Poetry since 1900" by Louis Untermeyer. Though published in 1923, this still seems up-to-date as it contains thorough summations of the works of Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg,

Vachel Lindsay, Edgar Lee Masters, the Benets, Amy Lowell, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Ezra Pound and T. S. Eliot, as well as many others.

Worthy of mention is the volume "Eternal Youth" by Owen Redington Washburn. Here we find a touch of local color in many poems, "A Vermont Poet Enters Heaven," "The Mill at Vernon," a Vernon Legend, to mention but a few in this delightful collection of Green Mountain verse.

For a study of Poetry we have a very interesting pamphlet issued by the Extension Service called "Massachusetts Poets". This is a series of essays about our foremost poets and their works.

Another worthwhile pamphlet is an excerpt from Compton's Encyclopedia, especially written to give young people an understanding and appreciation of the various forms of poetry. Grown-ups would profit also by reading this beautifully written little brochure called "The Magic of Poetry and the Poets' Art" by Stephen Vincent Benet. Let's celebrate Poetry Week by re-discovering this "Magic of Poetry" either by re-reading an old favorite or by making friends with a new one!

B. H. B.

## COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield  
NUMBER FIFTEEN IN THE SERIES  
Prepared by the Northfield Historical Society

Let us now consider what characterized Northfield's second settlement of 1685-1690. Prior to this, resettling the General Court added to the committee of the previous settlement because several members had died. This committee was responsible to the Court for the perilous little settlement. They drew up plans to try to induce 40 families to adventure to Northfield by allowing all to share alike in size of home-plot and to make good meadow land available to newcomers. The acreage of meadowland varied with the amount each invested, and this list was the basis for taxation.

Now the laying out by the surveyors of roads, home-plots, meadow shares, and interval (wood) lands and the names used began to show resemblance to our present town. The two main roads, called today Main street and School street and Meadow street, were all 10 rods wide. Through the several meadows the roads were 1 or 2 rods wide, with room allowed for turning a cart. The town then included what now is in Hinsdale, N.H., and Vernon, Vt., also by permission of the General Court, was extended to Four Mile Brook, south in

Northfield Farms. One reads of Great Meadow, between the street and the River, Pauchaug Meadow, between the present Wanamaker Lake and the River, Bennet Meadow west toward the present Mount Hermon, Moose Plain west of our present railroad and other meadows to the north on either side of the river.

Since the cattle and pigs were allowed at large, both home-plots and meadows had to be fenced. The latter fences were not to separate people's shares, but to keep the domestic animals out. Each proprietor was responsible for a section of fence, or was subject to a fine which increased as long as he neglected it. The fence viewers, the constable, and the measurers of land were the officers elected at the early town meeting, along with the supervisors of the place. After all, the committee still was pretty much non-resident. Undivided Town land was called "Commons" and was the pasture for all. Briefly at the start, timber for shingles, or clap-boards were allowed from it. Timber was scarce due to the annual burnings of the natives.

(To be continued)

## THIS WAYWARD COIL

(The following are excerpts from the works of Eugene Field, American Humorist.)

**MISS HORTENSE**  
Miss Hortense is working on a Beautiful Piece of Embroidery. It is a Mocha in Green and Gold. It asks What is Home without a Mother. When Miss Hortense gets it done, she will Give it to her Beau, who tends a Dry Goods counter. You cannot see Miss Hortense's Mother. She is in the back yard doing the Week's Washing. By and by she will be bringing in Coal for the Parlor Stove, because Miss Hortense's Beau is Coming tonight.

**THE BILLY GOAT**  
This strange looking creature is a Billy Goat. He has a Beard on him that looks like Papa's, and he is a stronger Butter than Mamma uses for Cooking. What is the Billy Goat doing? He is eating an Oyster Can. If you were to go up and Pull the Billy Goat's beard you would feel Something Drop. And it would not be the Billy Goat, Either.

**THE INK BOTTLE**  
Can you See the Ink Bottle on the Table? It is full of Nice Black Ink. If you Want to, you can Pour the Ink out on the Carpet. It makes the Carpet look Black, too.

Carpet, and Put both of your Little Fingers in the Ink. What a Nice picture you can make on the Wall Paper, now. Make a Picture of a Big Man and a Little Girl. Do you want to Put some Ink on the Lace Curtain? Very well, Put it on Carefully, for you Should never Waste the Ink on anything else. There will be Quite a Surprise to Mamma when she Comes in.

**THE BUSINESS MANAGER**  
Here we Have a Business Manager. He is Blowing about the Circulation of the Paper. He is Saying the Paper has Entered upon an Era of Unprecedented Prosperity. In a Minute he will Go up Stairs and Hide the Editor for leaving his Gas Burning while he Went out for a Drink of Water, and he will dock a Reporter Four Dollars because a Subscriber has Licked him and he cannot Work.

**THE MOUSE TRAP**  
Can you See the Mouse Trap? I wonder if it is Set? Put your Finger in one of the Holes and See. There is a Little Mouse caught in one of the Holes on the other Side. Pull him out by the Tail. He appears to be Dead. Perhaps the Trap was not Well enough Ventilated for him. Take poor Little Dead Mouse and put him in Sister Dora's bed where she Can see him when she

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# Report of the Boy Scout Troop Committee

During the past year the Troop Committee has been active in the program of our Troop. Although they have had three different Scoutmasters, the Committee has kept the program intact and continuous.

This year they have had practically a new troop with 15 younger boys coming in. Most of these boys are now ready to pass their

Second Class requirements. The scouts made a good showing at both the skating carnival held at Northampton and the ski meet held at Greenfield.

In the fall, a boy and girl party was held at our cabin in Winchester, with Ian French and chaplains in charge. Ian also had some of the scouts at the cabin for an over-night on another occasion. This spring, with Norton Field as scoutmaster, two patrols of seven scouts each hiked to the cabin. Cooking, fire-building, use of knife

and hatchet, tracking and other requirements were passed off, along with the over-night at that time.

So far, 5 scouts have registered for Camp Chesterfield, for one week, and 8 scouts for two weeks. Camp Chesterfield is a highlight in scouting experience. To make this experience possible for a greater number of boys, the Troop Committee has offered to pay \$7.50, or one-half week's expense, for one week for each boy.

The Troop Committee has been busy in conducting the affairs of the troop through the year. Last fall, the skating cabin on the Church property was moved up to the scout cabin in Winchester. This necessitated cutting down considerable brush and some trees to allow the cabin to pass through the woods. The addition now serves as a kitchen to the original cabin. With the exception of a little carpentry work necessary to fasten the two cabins together, all the work was done by the Troop Committee members.

Paper drives are the main source of income for Troop Committee funds. They have continued this work, and their treasury has a balance of \$260. It might be noted here that the Troop Committee contributed \$50.00 from its funds to the Church Building Fund.

The Troop Committee has just completed the annual financial drive for scout work carried on by the Franklin-Hampshire Council. This financial campaign takes the time of thirty workers and raises about \$300.

It has been a busy year, and at this time the Troop Committee wishes to thank publicly those who have contributed so liberally of themselves to this worthwhile project for helping boys to build character. The Troop Committee consisting of Harold Brismaster, Winthrop Sanderson, Louis Abbey, Ray Miller and Ralph Livermore; Scoutmasters Ian French and Norton Field; also Paul Thompson and others who have let us use their trucks for paper drives, and the large group of people who helped on the financial drive.

Members of the Brotherhood sometimes wonder what they can do to help the Boy Scouts besides appointing a Troop Committee. For another year, several recommendations are made by the present Troop Committee and presented herewith:

1. It is part of the Scout Council set-up to have an Institutional representative on the council to keep the sponsoring organization in touch with the program it sponsors. This representative would also be in touch with the Troop Committee Chairman and in that way know that the troop was functioning properly. He would keep Scouting before the Brotherhood by occasional reports, and perhaps one meeting a year might be given over to some sort of Scout program. It is recommended that the Advisory Committee of the Brotherhood appoint such a representative.

2. It is further recommended that the Advisory Committee of the Brotherhood appoint a committee chairman to handle the Scout financial drive "Mr. Next Year", and that the Brotherhood members be willing to support such a chairman by helping out on the solicitations. In this way a greater number of Brotherhood members will be actively participating in the program they are sponsoring.

# Prize Winning Letter "The American Way"

PART TWO AND THREE

The following letter written by Gertrude C. Whitney of East Northfield, was one of the seven best letters out of a contest on the American way of life broadcast from Radio Station WKNE on the Monadnock Region Revell, Howland and E. Wheelock, director, on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1948. As a prize each writer received a copy of "Old-Time Punishments in Cheshire County" published by the Cheshire County National Bank, courtesy of Mr. Wallace Mason, president.

## THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

And so, for varying motives, this country of ours to be, was on both continents, until a heartick and weary sporadically settled band of Pilgrims from New England finally reached the goal of their wanderings, a place where they might worship God in the simple way that pleased them. The "Welcome, Englishmen!" from the lips of their reception committee of one, an ingenious red man, must have sounded sweet to their startled ears. The Pilgrims were only the advance guard of many groups from the Old World of diverse nationalities who all came with one common lofty purpose — a desire for religious and personal liberty. We cannot overlook the fact that people still came fired with the "get-rich-quick" idea but even these were escaping something in the Old World manner of life which cramped and crushed and deadened the sensibilities and ambitions. They were glad to escape the overlords with their lashes and exorbitant taxes and conscription for frequent war duty. And so we may rightly say that the underlying pattern for the American way of life is that of freedom for the individual closely woven with the idea that all men are created equal before God and brothers among themselves. Running through this ideal pattern, must be threads of law and order, reinforced by the homely virtues of thrift, sobriety and personal uprightness, for our forebears soon discovered that their good ships had harbored the ungodly as well as the righteous and that some of the so-called righteous had lazy and otherwise undesirable habits that must be eradicated.

With everything under control and the various plantations firmly established, we were set on a pretty good start under the banner of freedom safeguarded by law, but unfortunately the banner has not been unblemished. The pioneers brought with them garden seeds, but with them came the noxious weeds of the Old Country; just so, along with the lovely seeds of liberty, equality and the homely virtues, must have come the seeds of intolerance and superstition and these were destined to break forth later at various times and places and seriously mar the otherwise lovely and admirable characters of our Puritan ancestors; nor is the country yet rid of these evils.

What does the American way of life mean to me? It means to hold high the torch of personal liberty and high ideals of character so magnificently lighted by those who first stepped foot on this soil of

potential fertility; to rejoice that I am an American but never to look down on newer citizens of lesser opportunities than myself, but to lend a helping hand wherever humanly possible; to respect their virtues but never to allow my standards to be lowered because of their lower ideals; to help to enlighten and redine, through education, what goes into the melting pot; to always bear in mind that here are impressionable young minds to be guided through precept and example and steered away from certain undesirable ways of life that have unfortunately been made too attractive through unscrupulous motion pictures; and lastly, to be very jealous of the reputation of my country — how she is regarded by other nations and how her representatives conduct themselves on foreign soil.

We are living in troublous times. We must face facts but not jump at conclusions or help to circulate war talk. It is our duty as intelligent American citizens, men and women alike, to keep closely informed through the press and radio, thanking God we still have free speech, keep informed, I say, of the daily progress of world events and to study our own national problems, that when the momentous occasion comes for us to cast our ballots next fall we shall do so after careful consideration of the vital issues, hoping for the best, and preserving an optimistic, tolerant viewpoint for "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The whole world looks to America and we must not fail the stricken peoples of the world.

## In The Churches

### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.  
10:00 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.

11:00 a. m. Public worship. Sermon subject, "God's Farm." Anthem by Choir and cello solo by Miss Florence Colby accompanied by Mrs. Robert Taylor. Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:00 p. m. Young People meet at the church to go for on outdoors Stations-of-the-Cross service.

7:30 p. m. Meeting of the Standing Committee in the vestry.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Miss Esther Pushee will speak in the vestry on her work at the Dossie Scotts Home for Children at Little, Ky. A silver offering. Miss Pushee's visit to Northfield is being sponsored by the Friendly Class. The public is invited.

### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McGuckack, Pastor  
Masses: First Sunday of month, 8:30 a. m. All other Sundays 10:30 a. m.

### ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Services every Sunday 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 11:45 a. m. Loyal Workers, 6:30 p. m. Praise Service, 7:30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursdays at the Vernon home, 7:45 p. m.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Hazel Rogers Grödlér, Minister

10:00 a. m. Church School, Mrs. Carroll Miller supt. Classes for all ages.

11:00 a. m. Church Service and Sermon. Anthem by the Choir. Children's Story, "Do As You Please With." Adult Sermon, "The Serene Mind."

2:30 p. m. American Unitarian Youth Group. The group will take their hike to East Northfield Reservoir, returning via the parsonage for supper. This was postponed from last week due to inclement weather. In case of bad weather again the group will meet at the vestry at 7:30 p. m. There will be a sewing meeting of the Alliance at the Church on Thursday, the 27th, at 2:00 p. m. All Alliance ladies are asked to attend.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
The Rev. Mrs. Helen Bassett has gone to Beech Lake, Pa., to attend a Sunday School Conference. There will be no service this Sunday.

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## A. Y. H. News

Mr. William Nelson, Office Manager of National Headquarters, represented the American Youth Hostels on a panel discussion group on Camping, held in Woodstock, Vermont last week. The conference was called by the Recreation Department of the State of Vermont to discuss plans for improving camps both public and private. The State Health Department presented its list of regulations concerning health and sanitation, the American Red Cross representative explained the rules for waterfront safety, and the President of the American Camping Association reported on the progress of that National body. A great deal of time was also spent on the problems of leadership training, for it appears that qualified recreational leaders are becoming harder to find as the job becomes more and more skilled. Mr. Nelson presented two thoughts to the Conference which were both well received. He made the suggestion that camps include hosteling as part of their summer program, and that camp directors also consider the possibility of running a hostel in conjunction with their camp. The new trend in camping is toward decentralization, in that activity programs are no longer

set up along hard-and-fast lines. More and more emphasis is being given to the method of allowing campers to learn through experience, and thus fostering the development of initiative and self-reliance.

The story of hosteling, told by colored movies, was presented to the students of the New Lebanon High School, New York, last Friday afternoon. Since there is a hostel already located in that town, the students had a fairly complete picture of what hosteling actually is. Many of them had already availed themselves of this opportunity for getting to know their own country.

## Northeast Airlines Resumes Keene Stop

Northeast Airlines has announced that scheduled operations will be resumed from Keene, N. H., on May 28, for both passengers and air mail.

Air mail service via Northeast Airlines was temporarily discontinued when the company was granted permission to cease operating for a 90 day period. Service will be resumed, however, on May 28 when Keene once again becomes a stop on a scheduled route.

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## SPORTS NEWS

Behind the 11 strikeout pitching of Davis, Northfield High School defeated New Salem in a Border League game. New Salem's downfall came because of a porous infield, for the pitchers struck out 15 Northfield batters, in between errors.

## Classified Ads

**FREEZER LOCKER**, packaging and wrapping supplies on hand. George H. Sheldon, Birnam Rd., Northfield, Phone 446.

**CLOSING OUT SALE** on second hand furniture. Among the items to be sold, at cost; Lynn Oil burner, bureaus, stands, dining room table and chairs, hot water heater, library tables, victrola and records, etc. Sunset Farms Antique Shop, Main St., East Northfield.

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Northfield	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Jurkowski, c	4	1	1	11	1	1
Luciw, rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Severence, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mankowski, ss	4	2	1	0	2	0
Mello, 3	3	1	2	0	0	0
Gingras, 2	3	2	1	3	1	0
Lyons, cf	2	1	0	0	0	0
Bassett, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, lf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bilman, 1b	3	0	0	6	0	0
Davis, p	3	0	0	4	1	1
Total	29	9	7	21	8	2

New Salem	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
W. Carey, cf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hamilton, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Godfrey, ss	2	0	1	0	0	2
Barber, 1b	2	0	0	1	0	2
McGinnis, 2b	3	1	0	0	0	2
R. Carey, c, 3b	3	0	1	10	0	0
Basio, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bourne, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stoddard, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Streeter, 3b, c	3	0	0	7	1	2
Wausinski, r, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
G. Carey, p, rf	2	0	0	0	1	0
Total	24	1	3	18	3	8

O. E. S. Sponsors  
Three Act Comedy

A three act comedy, "Adams Evening", will be shown at the Northfield town hall Thursday, May 27, at 8 p. m. The play will be produced by the Ashfield American Legion Dramatic Club, with a cast from the play, "January Thaw" shown here last spring, and will be sponsored by the O. E. S. of Northfield. The sale of home-made candy will be in charge of Mrs. Dorothy Holbrook and her committee. Tickets may be procured from Mrs. Helen Stearns at the Stearns Garage or Mrs. Dorothy Mann at the Avery Store.

## Uncle Sam Says



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## Heart Disease Reported

## As Major Death Cause

Heart disease was the leading cause of death among life insurance policyholders in 1946, accounting for one-third of all deaths in the year, the Institute of Life Insurance reports. More than 400,000 life insurance policies were paid as claims for heart-disease deaths last year. This was more than twice the number paid as claims for deaths resulting from cancer, the second largest cause of death during the year among policyholders.

Notwithstanding an increase in the death toll of these two diseases, the 1946 death rate among ordinary policyholders showed a decline to 689.3 per 100,000, compared with 714.5 in 1941. The death rate among owners of industrial life insurance policies, the weekly payment, small unit type usually issued without medical examination, was much higher than among ordinary life policyholders. The 1946 rate for industrial policyholders was 768.5 per 100,000, a decline from 787.5 in 1941.

Paper Milk Containers  
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Evidence continues to substantiate the belief that paper milk bottles eventually will capture the "store trade" and make big inroads to the doorstep delivery of milk.

Careful marketing studies made in Grand Rapids and Flint, Mich., indicate the housewife's preference for milk in paper containers when purchased at her grocery store.

From March, 1940, to March, 1941, milk in paper containers and in glass bottles was made available in the stores served by the Grand Rapids Grocers' Cooperative company.

Sales in the paper containers increased 400 per cent and the stores discontinued selling milk in glass bottles.

Similar survey has been completed in six Grand Rapids stores covering a period from August, 1940, to May 1, 1947, including four supermarkets, one self-service store and one service store making home delivery. One of the four supermarkets offered milk in both paper and glass containers. Weekly sales in paper bottles rose from 238 quarts to 400 quarts for an increase of 136 per cent, while sales in glass bottles represented only 16.4 per cent of the total volume.

Sales in paper bottles in the other supermarkets showed increases of 245, 306 and 360 per cent. Sales in the self-service market rose 231 per cent, while sales in the service store which made house deliveries soared 400 per cent.

## Water-Borne Commerce

Water-borne commerce on the Great Lakes and their connecting channels is greater than on any other inland waterway. It is conducted with large vessels, comparable in size to those in ocean service, and in many cases specially designed for the movement performed. By far the major portion of Great Lakes traffic consists of bulk movements of iron ore, coal and coke, flaxing stone, petroleum and products, and grain. These commodities aggregate close to seven-eighths of the total, the rest consisting of sand and gravel, iron and steel, and miscellaneous freight. Under stimulus of the war, domestic commerce on the lakes in 1944 approximated 180 million tons. Packaged freight on the Great Lakes amounts to less than 2 per cent of the total domestic freight movement on the lakes.

## High School News

## Senior Day

Wednesday will be Senior Day at Northfield High School. The students of the senior class will teach and conduct all classes of grades 9 to 12. This has become an annual event in which the seniors stack their wit and wisdom against those of the underclassmen. Past experiences have proven it to be a worthwhile program with the seniors proving to be ample for the task set before them.

Continuous rain of the past week has forced the postponement of the baseball game with Winchester. This game is now scheduled for Monday, May 24 on the high school field. Wednesday, May 19, New Salem plays at Northfield. Thursday, May 20, Northfield plays Powers Institute at Barnardston while the Northfield girls go to Greenfield to play the Greenfield High School Girls on Friday of this week. The softball game with Powers scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, has been postponed to June 11.

Robert and Patricia Fuller have entered grades eight and seven respectively from Portola Junior High School in San Francisco, California. They are making their home, at present, with their grandmother, Mrs. Baker of South Vernon.

A debate on the subject "Resolved That The United States Should Adopt the National Health Insurance Program" will be conducted before the student body in the near future. This program known variously as "socialized medicine", "compulsory health insurance", or the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill" will be supported by members of the Junior English class and will be opposed by members of the Senior Problems of Democracy class.

## Honor Roll

APRIL AND MAY 1948

**GRADE VII**  
Second Honors: Marion Berliand, Janet Dean Nancy Jack, Deane Lanpheare, Roseanna Lavallee.

**GRADE VIII**  
High Honors: Phyllis Hartford, Jacqueline Jewett. Second Honors: Pearl Barber, Annette Clark, Robert Domey, Richard Rikert, Ruth Sheldon.

**GRADE IX**  
Second Honors: Ethelyn Berry, Faith Fisher, Vefa Holton, Janet Mankowsky, Edward Parsons.

**GRADE X**  
High Honors: Edgar Parker. Second Honors: Chester Gaida.

**GRADE XI**  
Second Honors: Vera Allen, Marion Andrew.

**GRADE XII**  
Second Honors: Allan Davis, Blanche Duda, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladzinski, Lourene Lyons, Ralph Lyons.

New Insurance  
Officer Named

Edward M. Powell, Jr., has been designated as Post Insurance Officer for the Haven H. Spencer Post, Commander Richard Steenbruggen has announced.

Powell who succeeds Adjutant Herb White, who re-enlisted in the A. A. F. recently, will be able to assist all veterans in their insurance problems to enable them to take full advantage of their G. I. insurance policies.

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In Bennington, May 12, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Faulkner of Jacksonville, VT., granddaughter to Mrs. Alice Faulkner of Jacksonville and Mrs. Cora Ware of Northfield.

CLOUGH

At Farnen Memorial hospital, May 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clough of Northfield Farms, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clough of Northfield and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams of Northfield.

## Dutch Tulip Time

Northfield's Main street is beautiful at this time of the year with all the towering trees and budding flowers, and to all this has been added a touch of Holland in the form of Dutch Tulips blooming around the Valley Vista Inn.

When the ravages of war and occupation had passed over the Netherlands, Mrs. Frederick Briesmaster sent generous food packages to relatives over there to alleviate the shortages springing up in the wake of war, and for this expression of thoughtfulness and consideration Northfield is the prettier for the more than 60 tulip bulbs that now brighten our main thoroughfare.

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